

Cleveland Clinic, CWRU to host first 2020 U.S. presidential debate

Sheila and Eric Samson Pavilion

Case Western Reserve University and Cleveland Clinic will host the first 2020 U.S. presidential debate this fall at the Health Education Campus (HEC), a joint project between the two organizations.

The debate, scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 29, will be held in HEC's Sheila and Eric Samson Pavilion.

The Commission on Presidential Debates (a nonpartisan nonprofit that has sponsored and produced all general election presidential debates for more than three decades) announced the new location for the debate on Monday, July 27 — the same day that original debate host, University of Notre Dame, withdrew, citing the constraints that the pandemic put on the event. Though CWRU is also deep in COVID-19 preparations, its partnership with Cleveland Clinic along with the HEC's distance from the university's main campus made co-hosting more feasible, according to a news release.

Dr. Tom Mihaljevic, Cleveland Clinic president and CEO, and Barbara R. Snyder, Case Western Reserve University's president, issued this joint statement: "We are honored to host this presidential debate at our shared Health Education Campus. This pandemic has highlighted the critical importance of health care and scientific discovery in unprecedented ways. To have the presidential candidates discuss these issues in our innovative learning space represents a tremendous opportunity for both institutions — and our entire region."

The Commission on Presidential Debates also retained the Clinic earlier this year to serve

as its Health Security Advisor for all of this fall's debates, according to the release.

The health system will establish risk-mitigation procedures within Samson Pavilion. The specifics of such health/safety plans will depend on the status of the pandemic as the event draws near but will include considerations around whether to have an audience, audience size, distance among seats and disinfectant measures. "We are all challenged with adapting to a 'new

land Clinic has been focused on understanding, containing and preparing for COVID-19. We are sharing our knowledge and advising various industries to help keep our communities safe as we enter into this next phase of COVID-19 response."

The HEC, a joint project between CWRU and the Clinic that opened last year, features the 477,000-square-foot Samson Pavilion, where students from the university's schools of

treat an anticipated surge of COVID-19 patients. Last month, the organizations began transitioning the building back to an educational space to prepare for the fall semester. The Clinic is prepared to care for patients in existing facilities if a surge of patients with COVID-19 occurs and is continuing to adapt as the pandemic evolves, according to a statement from the system.

The September event will be the second time CWRU has worked with the commission. It hosted the vice presidential debate between Dick Cheney and John Edwards in 2004 in the Veale Convocation Recreation and Athletic Center. Roughly 43.6 million people watched that discussion, according to the release, which noted that viewing projections for this year's event exceed 100 million.

Frank J. Fahrenkopf Jr., Dorothy S. Ridings and Kenneth Wollack, the commission's co-chairs, issued a joint statement, noting they are grateful for the organizations hosting the forum: "Case Western generously hosted our 2004 vice presidential debate, and we are looking forward to working with university officials again. Cleveland Clinic is advising the CPD on health protocols for all four debates, and it will be most informative to team with Clinic professionals on the Health Education Campus."

In a news release, University of Notre Dame president Rev. John I. Jenkins called the decision to withdraw as the host site a difficult one.

"Despite this decision, I hope we will all remain attuned to the many important issues facing our nation during this election year — and, please, let's exercise our right and privilege to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 3," Jenkins said in the release.



normal' and safety is key as we all face this pandemic together," said Dr. James Merlino, chief clinical transformation officer at the Clinic and chief health security advisor to the Commission on of Presidential Debates for the 2020 general election, in a provided statement. "The Cleve-

medicine, nursing and dental medicine (including those in Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine) learn and study together.

In April, CWRU and the Clinic temporarily converted the Health Education Campus into a surge hospital in case it needed more space to



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| Advanced Chinese Level I (ZOOM) | 9/3/2020-12/3/2020 (No class Nov. 23-27) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">CLASS MEETINGS: Thursdays 6:00pm-8:00pm (13 Class Meetings)TEXTBOOKS: (1) Standard Chinese IV; (2) Standard Chinese IV WorkbookPREREQUISITE: Intermediate-high Proficiency |
| Advanced Chinese Level II (ZOOM) | 9/4/2020-12/4/2020 (No class Nov. 23-27) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">CLASS MEETINGS: Fridays 6:00pm-8:00pm (13 Class Meetings)TEXTBOOKS: TBDCLASS FORMAT: Email Dr. Huiwen Li (h.li84@csuohio.edu) to discuss. |
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